

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 5 and ending on page 1, line 10 with the following replacement paragraph:

This patent application is related to concurrently filed patent applications, "Logical Ports in Trunking," by Surya Varanasi____, filed on _____, October 31, 2003, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/699,567_____, (~~attorney docket 003.P004~~); and "~~Load Balancing in Core-edge Configurations~~Frame Traffic Balancing in Core-Edge Configurations," by Surya Varanasi____, filed on _____, October 31, 2003, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/699,568_____, (~~attorney docket 003.P003~~), both of the foregoing assigned to the assignee of the presently claimed subject matter and herein incorporated by reference.